



**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q67797

Jean-Pascal PLANCHE, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/018,790

Group Art Unit: 1751

Confirmation No.: 1942

Examiner: Peter A. Szekely

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION OF CROSS-LINKED AND/OR  
FUNCTIONALIZED BITUMEN/POLYMER COMPOSITIONS AND USE OF SAID  
COMPOSITIONS IN COVERINGS

**REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY**

**AND**

**STATUS OF CLAIM 30**

**MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Notice of Allowability dated April 23, 2004 for the above-identified application indicates that claims 1-29 were allowed. However, claims 1-30 are pending in the instant application. Claim 30 was added in the Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 filed February 17, 2004.

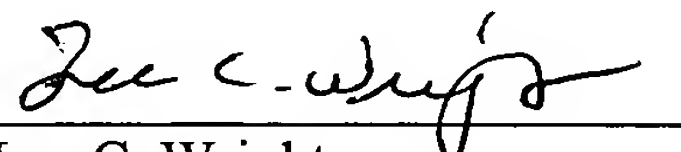
Applicants respectfully request clarification of the Notice of Allowability and clarification of the status of claim 30.

If any points remain at issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the local exchange number listed below.

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Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,



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